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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BRITISH TRUCK SALES TO LIBYA

REFS: (A) TRIPOLI 1250, (B) RABAT 4433 (NOTAL)

EMBASSY REQUESTED SPEAK WITH TOMKYS AT FCO ABOUT SALE OF
BRITISH TANK TRANSPORTERS TO LIBYA. HE SHOULD BE TOLD THAT
USG UNDERSTANDS THAT HMG MAY BE CONSIDERING SALE OF AS
MANY AS 200 OF THESE VEHICLES TO LIBYA AND WOULD APPRECIATE
HIS COMMENTS. SHOULD HE CONFIRM THAT HMG INDEED MAY PERMIT
SALE OF THIS MANY TANK TRANSPORTERS, EMBASSY SHOULD STATE
THAT SUCH A DECISION WOULD APPEAR TO U.S. INCONSISTENT
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WITH HIS STATEMENT (REF B) THAT HMG WOULD PERMIT ONLY SALE
OF MODEST NUMBER OF THESE VEHICLES. ADDITIONALLY, TOMKYS
SHOULD BE TOLD THAT USG WOULD REGRET SUCH A DECISION BY
HMG AND WOULD STATE THIS POSITION PUBLICLY IF QUERRIED BY
PRESS OR CONGRESS. CHRISTOPHER

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